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Director Central Intelligence

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Assistant Director for Operations

Promotion of [REDACTED]

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1. When construction of the FBIS station on the Island of Cyprus was undertaken in January, 1948, an employee possessing outstanding ability, energy, and tact was required to represent FBIS in carrying out the project. This employee was required to have sufficient administrative and executive ability to guide the construction of the station, recruit employees and make necessary arrangements for putting the station into operation. He was further required to deal on a high level with officials of the British Government, British Army, and officials of the Government of Cyprus. The position to be filled was that of Assistant Chief, Mediterranean Bureau, CAF-12, with direct responsibility, however, to the Chief, FBIS, in Washington, with broad authority for independent action in the field.

2. [REDACTED] CAF-11, was selected for this position. His demonstrated ability, experience and excellent service record were considered in the selection, as well as his willingness to accept the responsibility of a difficult assignment. A recent inspection of the project by the Chief, FBIS, has confirmed the wisdom of this choice. [REDACTED] has been thoroughly competent in the performance of his mission.

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3. It is therefore recommended that attached request for [REDACTED] promotion to CAF-12 be implemented without delay. Since the employee has been on duty with this Agency for a period of only five months (since December 1, 1947) and in classified status of CAF-11 for only four months, it is necessary to request an exception to Administrative Instruction No. 20-15 of 4 December 1947 as it applies to time in grade required for promotion.

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4. It is contemplated that [REDACTED], upon the relief of [REDACTED], will become Chief of the Mediterranean Bureau. This change is expected within a matter of a few weeks.

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